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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Applicants submit this Amendment and Response, together with a Request for Continued Examination, in response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on July 20, 2009. The shortened statutory period was set to expire on October 20, 2009. Applicants hereby request and enclose a petition for a three-month extension of time to extend the deadline for response to January 20, 2010. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee occasioned by the entry of this paper to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-3081.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and Response, in which:

- **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2; and
- **Remarks** begin on page 5.